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In early February 1955,

about one third of all Buergermeisters in
 Bezirk Magdeburg were to be released. In general, Buergermeisters
 of smaller communities suspected of not being politically reliable
 will be affected by this measure. Buergermeisters of large communities
 will take over the administration of communities in which the
 Buergermeister has been discharged.

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Comment. The present report agrees in part with previous information,
 according to which Buergermeisters not considered politically reliable
 will be replaced by faithful SED members. The measure has apparently
 been motivated by the necessity of economizing.

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